

RESOLUTION NO. 12-809

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the retirement of Dr. Willie T. Brown, ordained minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, who has served as Dean of the College and currently serves as Dean of Instruction at Huntsville Bible College. On Thursday, September 27, 2012, at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Dr. Brown will be honored for his 17 years of fruitful and exemplary service to the College; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Brown was born in Montgomery, and has spent most of his life in the State of Alabama. He is married to the former Deloris Crook and they have two adult children, Kimberla Brown Barley and Byron L. Brown. He acknowledged his call to the ministry in January 1991, and since that time has served as Assistant Minister at Church Street CPCA Church (1992-1998), and Pastor of the Bright Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America from 1998 to 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Brown is an educator. He holds a B.S. degree and a M.S. degree from Alabama A&M University. He studied Bible and theology at Heritage Bible College, Huntsville. In 2003, Huntsville Bible College awarded him an honorary doctorate degree for outstanding contributions to the College in administration and instruction. Much of his work has been in the field of education. His professional career began as a public school teacher in the Anniston City Schools in Anniston, Alabama. He later worked at Alabama A&M University and J. F. Drake State Technical College. He retired from Drake State Technical College in December 1990 after having served 16 years as Dean of Instruction. Currently, Reverend Brown enjoys his work as Dean of Instruction at Huntsville Bible College where he believes God placed him pursuant to His divine purpose to help others who are called to prepare to work in His field of labor. Also, aside from his work in Christian ministry, Reverend Brown participates in social and civic activities for the enhancement of benefits for the whole person as God has created; and,

WHEREAS, aside from his work in pastoral ministry, Reverend Brown exercises a broad interest in other areas of Christian ministry such as Christian education, evangelism, religion, leadership, and biblical teaching. He is recognized as an outstanding leader in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. He has served as vice moderator and moderator of the Huntsville Presbytery (2001-2005), and has represented the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) at numerous national and international consultations, conferences, and seminars on biblical and theological issues and church concerns. He has been privileged to represent the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America at three Annual Conferences of the Caribbean and North America Area Council of the World Alliance of Reformed

Churches held in Puerto Rico, Canada, and Georgia (1993, 1994, 1995). Reverend Brown was chosen to represent the Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches at the Annual Meeting of the Caribbean and North American Council for Missions held in Kingston, Jamaica (1997); and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Brown is a Christian education consultant for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. He currently conducts workshops for Sunday school and Bible class teachers of different denominations. He is a member of many Christian, religious, education, and civic organizations. For several years he served on the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry, an organization for promoting economics from a Christian perspective in the Appalachian region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we acknowledge with appreciation Dr. Willie T. Brown for his effectiveness as an instructor, advisor and counselor to countless students across the years. His biblically based and doctrinally sound understanding of the scriptures has blessed students, congregants, and the general public. We wish you a most pleasant, well-deserved retirement and the very best in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 27th day of September, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 27th day of September, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama